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SUBJ: HARASSMENT OF EMBASSY

1. CENTRAL PRESS JAN 7 (AND IZVESTIYA JAN 6) REPORTS SHORT ACCOUNT OF SMUN NOTE ON DEC 27 AND 28 INCIDENTS IN NEW YORK. ARTICLE STATES THAT "HOLLIGAN ELEMENTS OF THE ZIONIST ORGANIZATION, JEWISH DEFENSE LEAGUE" HAD "ATTEMPTED ATTACK ON TWO DIPLOMATIC EMPLOYEES OF SOVIET REPRESENTATION AND THREW BOTTLES OF PAINT AT BUILDING, BREAKING WINDOWS IN ONE ROOM INTO WHICH A BOTTLE WAS THROWN THERE WERE A DIPLOMAT AND A SLEEPING CHILD."

2. SMALL-SCALE BRIEF DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE OUTSIDE EMBASSY BEGINNING AT 1900 HOURS JAN 6. ABOUT TEN PERSONS GATHERED ON SIDE-STREET NEXT TO EMBASSY SHOUTING SLOGANS, INCLUDING REFERENCES TO "DOGS," "VIETNAM," "CHICAGO," "ZIONISTS" AND "DOWN WITH AMERICAN IMPERIALISM." DEMONSTRATORS ALSO BRIEFLY ROCKED STAFF MEMBER'S AUTOMOBILE PARKED IN FRONT OF EMBASSY BUT DID NO DAMAGE. DURING DEMONSTRATION, MILITIA GUARD AT EACH VEHICULAR GATE ENLARGED TO THREE MEN. DEMONSTRATORS LEFT EMBASSY AREA AT ABOUT 1920.

3. ALSO ON EVENING OF JAN 6, EMBOFF LEAVING TAGANKA THEATER WAS ACCOSTED BY THREE MIDDLE-AGED MEN NEAR HIS AUTOMOBILE WHO

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EXPRESSED "OUTRAGE" OVER JUDICIAL ACTION AND ASKED WHETHER EMBOFFI WOULD LIKE TO BE BEATEN, HAVE CAR DAMAGED, AND HAVE DEMONSTRATIONS IN FRONT OF EMBASSY. THEY SAID PATIENCE OF "WORKERS" WEARING THIN. AT ONE POINT, ONE MAN TOOK EMBOFFI BY COAT LAPELS. NO VIOLENCE OCCURRED HOWEVER AND DISCUSSION ENDED ON A PEACEFUL NOTE AS EMBOFFI EXPLAINED US CONCERN AND EFFORTS TO PROTECT SOVS IN US.

4. EMBOFFI JAN 7 1200 HOURS RECEIVED GROUP OF FOUR FROM SECHIN MEDICAL INSTITUTE WHO PRESENTED LETTER ADDRESSED TO AMBASSADOR. LETTER CONTAINED ASSERTION OF USG CONNIVANCE IN ZIONIST ACTIVITIES, BUT NO THREAT OF RETALIATION. DISCUSSION FRIENDLY. AFTER LEAVING EMBASSY, GROUP WAS INTERVIEWED BY DAVID LEVY OF CBS. INTERVIEW FILMED BY SOVIET CAMERMAN, NAGY OF UPI TAKING PICTURES OF ENTIRE GROUP. SECOND, ALSO POLITE, FOUR MAN DELEGATION FROM FIRST STATE BALL BEARING FACTORY DELIVERED LETTER TO AMBASSADOR WHICH IMPLIED RETALIATION AGAINST AMERICAN DIPLOMATS AND OTHER CITIZENS IN USSR. SPOKESMAN FOR GROUP CAREFULLY AVOIDED ANY THREAT. THIRD DELEGATION FROM FACTORY WAS JUST ARRIVED. BEAM.

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